

Ansterlitz. At the name time the call to the field was obeyed throughout all parts of the Kmpire; the Princes of the Confederation of the Rhine were ordered to muster their contingents; armed men were raised and collected in thousands in Poland, in Holland, in the wilds of Illyria, and even in the conquered provinces of Spain; a great army was marshalled in Italy and held in ivadness to cross the Alps; and treaties were made with Austria and Prussia, by which these Powers pledged themselves to furnish considerable additions to the huge force which was being directed against their old ally. Meanwhile, Germany being nearly as much under the control of Napoleon as France, itself, arrangements were made on a great wale, for the transport and subsistence of troops along the space from the Kibe to the Niemen; the granaries of Poland were moved to the seaboard, and accumulated in numerous depots from the Oder and Vistula to the I'regel; the important fortresses of Dantxie and Konigsberg were strengthened, and made vast places of arms capable of satisfying the needs of whole *cttrfnt* ^farmer, and abundantly provided with magazines and warlike material of all kinds; the navigation of the FrUehe llaff and Curische llaff wan carefully surveyed and connected with that of the Pregel and Nicmim; and carriage, wagons, and carts were constructed in thousands to bear the supplies of the hunt which was destined to move into the plains of KUH.HUR*

"Though It w;w of course imposKible to conceal them altogether, Najwleon masked these Immense preparations with extraordinary dexterity and art; and whatever rimy h<> thought of his good faith, his conduct wax nmrkct) with the ui<rlteKt ability. While he strained every nerve to accomplish hi** objectn he deceived the Czar, only too anxious to conjure away what upIM*ared destruction, with the pretence of negotiation and pence; he annum! him that the, condition of Germany wan tins real cause of IJH gnsit armament*, and Mich wiiH the success of his guile that his tlinpwif lon<> w<>r<> far advanced and hta troops in motion at all points before Alexander wan convinced of the truth. By the early spring of 1812 tho Kni{ K*for had wore than ftxXMKX) men in readimwft for the intended enterprise; and tinder his guidance, thin cuormoun force, still widely scattered throughout th»* Empire, wan gradually directed towards the theatre of operation** While Kuff^ttn iieauharnftln with the Italian army crossed th* Br*»iint* mid roUM th^o Bavarian contingc»Jit_t Davoigt, with the van-guanl of file timin h<wt, ftdv>n<swl to tha Vlftula across (lermany, con-ncclitK hltiwiw witlt a Polfali corps under Ponlatowskl, In the Grand i>uehy of VVAmftw, »»! with th^o armii^o of the North German cities: tho remaining <iivi>imi* of th^o humenutt army drawing together from tho Hhliw, the Maitifft ami ilw Kllw^ and marching forward in dense proces-ibn, 4*JKWMI men wi*n» dwrfjiied to Iwglm the invasion and to cross the NU*m<n In tl<> twt Iii>tw\$<!* 2<HMHK> bdnt* kept in second *Urn* to main-tiki tt th<*> ? fftii!itmltttUm»» u> otw>rv<> (Germany, and to supply the inovlta-blit wii<t<> *>f war; and, with Iho Aiwtlan and Prussian contingents, not **to*** than C?lflW m>ldUfm w<>r<> titartthallwl under the Imperial eagles Ira